

Remarks

Upon entry of the instant amendment claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Duran, U.S. Patent No. 6,688,780. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly and particularly point out the instant invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the claims, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite, inter alia, "central housing formed of a unitary piece of metal." Support for the claim amendment is found on page 3, line 15 of Applicants' specification.

In contrast, Duran does not teach, suggest or imply a central housing made of a unitary piece of metal. Furthermore, Duran explicitly teaches away from such a configuration. See Duran, col. 5, lines 46-47.

In light of the above claim amendments d remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw his objections to the application.

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